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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ___Jul 16, 2001___

2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL.**   2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) ___1-69___ is/are pending in the applica

　　4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from considerა

5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) ___1-69___ is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirem

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9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

　　a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

　　　　1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

　　　　2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

　　　　3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

　　*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). ___6___

18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

20) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The text of those sections of Title 35 US Code not otherwise included herein can be found in a prior Office action(See Serial No: 09/491,703). The text of those sections of Title 35 US Code not otherwise provided in a prior Office action will be included here where appropriate.

2. This action is responsive to the amendment(Paper # 7) filed 7/16/01.

3. Applicant amended claims 1-2,4-6,9-10,12,14,17-18,20-22,25-26,28,30,33-34,36-38,41-42,44,46,49-50,52-53. New claims 56-69 were added. None were deleted.

4. Claims 1-69 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
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> (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

6. Claims 1,5-9,13-17,21-25,29-33,37-41,45-49,53-69 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Godin(US Pat. No: 5,890,138).

7.(AMENDED) As per claim 1 Godin teaches a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, comprising displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said

computerized auction(Fig 4)(col 1 lines 58-62) detecting selection of one category entry of said

plurality of category entries in said category field(col 3 lines 31-41) and responsive to said

detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in

said display window said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory

entries used to categorize said item in said auction(col 3 lines 44-48)(Fig 1/10/12), said plurality

of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category

entries(col 4 lines 16-29)(Fig 2/60/62) and selecting at least one subcategory entry of said

plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry in said at least one

subcategory field(Fig 4)(Fig 2/64)(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

8.(NEW) As per claim 56 Godin teaches the method according to claim 1, further comprising

detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said

at least one subcategory field(Fig 4)(col 3 lines 14-48)(Fig 2/62)(Fig 7)(col 4 lines 16-40).

9.(NEW) As per claim 57 Godin teaches the method according to claim 56, further comprising

responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a

category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry

in said display window(Fig 7/108)(Fig 8/64).

10.(AMENDED) As per claim 5 Godin the method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying

at least one subcategory field further includes displaying a first subcategory field containing a

plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry(Fig 7/106) of said

plurality of category entries; displaying a second subcategory field(Fig 7/108) containing a

plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said

plurality of first subcategory entries and a third subcategory field(Fig 8)(Fig 7/110) containing a

plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said

plurality of second subcategory entries(col 5 lines 16-40).

11.(AMENDED) As per claim 6 Godin teaches the method according to claim 1, wherein said

category field and said at least one subcategory field are contaoined in graphically distinct areas

within the display window(Fig 7/108)(Fig 8/64).

12. As per claim 7 Godin teaches the method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one

subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig. 4).

13. As per claim 8 Godin teaches the method according to claim 6, wherein said category field

and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

14.(AMENDED) As per claim 9 Godin teaches a method for facilitating category selection by a

user in a computerized auction, comprising: providing a plurality of category entries to be

displayed for said user in a category field within a display window said plurality of category

entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction and detecting selection by

said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries and responsive to said detection

of said selection of said category entry to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory

field within said display window aid plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said

item in said auction (col 5 lines 16-40)(Fig 9).

15.(NEW) As per claim 58, Godin teaches the method according to claim 9, further comprising:

detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory

entries(Fig 4)(col 3 lines 14-48)(Fig 2/62)(Fig 7/106/108)(col 4 lines 16-40).

16.(NEW) As per claim 59 Godin teaches the method according to claim 58, further

comprising:responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry,

providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one

selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window(Fig 7/108)(Fig

8/64).

17. As per claim 13 Godin teaches the method according to claim 9, wherein said at least one

subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first

subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries

selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory

entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory

entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries

corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory

entries(col 5 lines 16-40)(Fig. 9).

18.(AMENDED) As per claim 14 Godin teaches the method according to claim 9, wherein said

category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas

within the display window(Fig 6/92/94)(col 4 lines 63-67).

19. As per claim 15 Godin teaches the method according to claim 14, wherein said at least one

subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig 4).

20. As per claim 16 Godin teaches the method according to claim 14, wherein said category field

and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

21.(AMENDED) As per claim 17 Godin teaches a computer readable medium containing

executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, cause said system to

perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction(Fig 4)(col

1 lines 58-62), the method comprising: displaying a category field in a display window said

category field containing a plurality of category entries; detecting selection of one category entry

of said plurality of category entries in said category field(col 3 lines 31-41) and responsive to said

detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in

said display window said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory

entries, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality

of category entries(col 4 lines 16-29)(Fig 2/60/62)(Fig 4)(Fig 2/64)(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

22.(AMENDED) As per claim 21 Godin the method according to claim 17, wherein said

providing at least one subcategory field further includes displaying a first subcategory field

containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry(Fig

7/106) of said plurality of category entries; displaying a second subcategory field(Fig 7/108)

containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory

entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries and a third subcategory field(Fig 8)(Fig 7/110)

containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory

entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries(col 5 lines 16-40).

23.(AMENDED) As per claim 22 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to

claim 17, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in

graphically distinct areas within said display window(Fig 7/108)(Fig 8/64).

24.(NEW) As per claim 60 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 17,

wherein said method further comprises:detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of

said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field(col 1 line 58-col 2 line

64)(Fig 4)(col 3 lines 14-48)(Fig 2/62)(Fig 7/108/106)(col 4 lines 16-40).

25. (NEW) The computer readable medium according to claim 60, wherein a method further

comprises responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry,

displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one

subcategory entry in said display window(Fig 7/108)(Fig 8/64)(col 4 lines 16-40)(col 6 lines 1-

36)(Fig 8)(Fig 10).

26. As per claim 23 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 22, wherein

said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig 4).

27. As per claim 24 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 22, wherein

said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language

documents(Fig 7)(Fig. 8).

28.(AMENDED) As per claim 25 Godin teaches a computer readable medium containing

executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, cause said system to

perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction(Fig 4)(col

1 lines 58-62) said method comprising:providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for

said user in a category field within the display window(col 3 lines 31-41) said plurality of category

entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized medium and detecting selection by

said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries and responsive to said detection

of said selected of said category entry providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding

to said selected category entryto be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within

said display window said plurality of subcategoriey entries being used to categorize said item in

said auction(Fig 4)(Fig 7)(Fig 8)(Fig 2/64) and receiving at least one subcategory entry of said

plurality of subcategory entries selected by said user(col 4 lines 16-29)(Fig 2/60/62).

29.(NEW) As per claim 62 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 25,

wherein said method further comprises detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory

entry of said plurality of subcategory entries(Fig 4)(col 3 lines 31-53)(col 4 lines 16-40)(Fig

2/60/62)(Fig 4)(Fig 7)(Fig 10).

30.(NEW) As per claim 63 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 62,

wherein said method further comprises:responsive to said detection of said selection of said at

least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category

entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display

window (Fig 7/108)(Fig 8/64)(col 4 lines 16-40)(col 6 lines 1-36)(Fig 8)(Fig 10).

31. As per claim 29 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry(Fig 7/106) of said plurality of category entries selected by said user and a second subcategory field(Fig 7/108) containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory(Fig 8)(Fig 7/110) field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries(col 5 lines 16-40).

32.(AMENDED) As per claim 30 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are graphically distinct areas within said display window(Fig 6/92/94)(col 4 lines 63-67).

33. As per claim 31 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig 4).

34. As per claim 32 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

35.(AMENDED) As per claim 33 Godin teaches an article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by said computer to perform a method for facilitating category selection

by a user in a computerized auction(Fig 4)(col 1 lines 58-62) and said method comprising

displaying a category field in a display window said category field containing a plurality of

category entries and detecting selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries

in said category field(col 3 lines 31-41) and responsive to said detection of said selection of said

one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window said at least

one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries, said plurality of subcategory

entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries(col 3 lines

44-48)(Fig 1/10/12) and selecting at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory

entries corresponding to said one category entry in said at least one subcategory field(Fig 4)(Fig

2/64)(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

36.(NEW) As per claim 64 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 33,

wherein said method further comprises detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of

said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field(col 3 lines 31-53)(Fig

1/10/12)(Fig 4)(Fig 7)(Fig 8)(Fig 2/64).

37.(NEW) As per claim 65 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 64,

wherein said method further comprises responsive to said detection of said selection of said at

least one subcategory for displaying a category number associated with said one category entry

and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window (col 3 lines 31-53)(Fig

1/10/12)(Fig 4)(Fig 7/60)(Fig 8/64)(Fig 2/64)(col 4 lines 16-40).

38.(AMENDED) As per claim 37 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 33,

wherein said displaying at least one subcategory field further includes displaying a first

subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one

category entry(Fig 7/106) of said plurality of category entries; displaying a second subcategory

field(Fig 7/108) containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected

first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory

field(Fig 8)(Fig 7/110) containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a

selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries(col 5 lines 16-

40).

39.(AMENDED) As per claim 38 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 33,

wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically

distinct areas within said display window(Fig 6/92/94)(col 4 lines 63-67).

40. As per claim 39 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 38, wherein said

at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig 4).

41. As per claim 40 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 38, wherein said

category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents(Fig.

7)(Fig 8).

42.(AMENDED) As per claim 41 Godin teaches an article of manufacture comprising a program

storage medium readable by a computer and tangibly embodying at least one program of

instructions executable by said computer to perform a method for facilitating category selection

by a user in a computerized auction(Fig. 4)(col 1 lines 58-62), said method comprising providing

a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display

window said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized

auction(col 3 lines 31-41) detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of

category entries (col 4 lines 16-29)(Fig 2/60/62) responsive to said detection of said selection of

said category entry providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected

category entry to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display

window said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction

(Fig 4)(Fig 2/64)(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

43.(NEW) As per claim 66 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 41,

wherein said method further comprises:detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory

entry of said plurality of subcategory entries(Fig 7/110)(Fig 8)(col 5 lines 16-40).

44.(NEW) As per claim 67 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 66,

wherein said method further comprises responsive to said detection of said selection of said at

least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category

entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display

window (col 3 lines 31-53)(Fig 1/10/12)(Fig 4)(Fig 7/60/110)(Fig 8/64)(Fig 2/64)(col 4 lines 16-

40)(col 5 lines 16-40).

45. As per claim 45 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said

at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of

first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries

selected by said user(Fig 7/106) a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second

subcategory entries(Fig 7/108) corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality

of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field(Fig 8)(Fig 7/110) containing a plurality

of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality

of second subcategory entries(col 5 lines 16-40).

46.(AMENDED) As per claim 46 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 41,

wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically

distinct areas within said display window(Fig 6/92/94)(col 4 lines 63-67).

47. As per claim 47 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 46, wherein said

at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig 4).

48. As per claim 48 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 46, wherein said

category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents(Fig

7)(Fig 8).

49.(AMENDED) As per claim 49 Godin teaches a system for facilitating category selection by a

user in a computerized auction(Fig 4)(col 1 lines 58-62) comprising a database; and a server

coupled to said database to provide a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in

a category field within a display window said plurality of category entries being used to categorize

an item in a computerized auction(col 3 lines 31-41) to detect selection of one category entry of

said plurality of category entries by said user(col 4 lines 16-29)(Fig 2/60/62) and responsive to

said detection of said selection of said selection of said one category entry to determine whetehr

said database contains a plurality of subcategory entries (col 3 lines 44-48)(Fig 1/10/12)

corresponding to said one category entry and being used to catetorize said item in said

computerized auction and to provide said plurality of subcategory entries to be displayed for said

user in at least one subcategory field within said display window(Fig 4)(Fig 2/64)(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

50.(NEW) As per claim 68 Godin teaches the system according to claim 49, wherein said server

further detects selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of

subcategory entries(Fig 4)(col 4 lines 16-40)(Fig 2/60/62)(col 3 lines 44-48)(Fig 1/10/12)(Fig 7).

51.(NEW) The system according to claim 68, wherein, responsive to said detection of said

selection of said at least one subcategory entry, said server further provides a category number

associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be

displayed for said user in said display window(col 4 lines 16-40)(Fig 2/60/62/64)(Fig 7)(col 3

lines 31-53)(Fig 1/10/12)(Fig 4)(Fig 7/60/110)(Fig 8/64)(col 5 lines 16-40).

52.(AMENDED) As per claim 53 Godin teaches the system according to claim 49, wherein said

category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas

within said display window(Fig 6/92/94)(col 4 lines 63-67).

53. As per claim 54 Godin teaches the system according to claim 53, wherein said at least one

subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field(Fig. 4).

54. As per claim 55 Godin teaches the system according to claim 53, wherein said category field

and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents(Fig 7)(Fig 8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

55.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness

rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in
> section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are
> such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person
> having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the
> manner in which the invention was made.

56.   Claims 2-4,10-12,18-20,26-28,34-36,42-44,50-52 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as

unpatentable over Godin(US Pat. No: 5,890,138).

57.(AMENDED) As per claim 2 Godin teaches using the system according to claim 1, wherein

said category selection component further receives said at least one subcategory entry selected by

said user(Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig 8/64). Godin fails to teach displaying a category number

associated with said one category entry in said category windowand said at least one subcategory

entry to said display component.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time

ofthe invention to associate a category number with a category description as taught by Godin.

The motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the categories.

58. As per claim 3 Godin teaches the method according to claim 1 for a category field for

products in an auction(Fig 2)(Fig 4). Godin fails to teach wherein said category field comprises

twelve category entries in alphabetical order.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art

at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category

entries. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

59.(AMENDED) As per claim 4 Godin teaches the method according to claim 2, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entry(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

60.(AMENDED) As per claim 10 Godin teaches the method according to claim 9, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entryto be displayed for said user in said display window(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

61. As per claim 11 Godin teaches the method according to claim 9, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number and instead uses verbal definitions. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

62. (AMENDED)As per claim 50 Godin teaches using the method according to claim 10, wherein said server further provides a category number associated with said one category to be displayed in said display window(Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig 8/64). Godin fails to teach providing a

category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry to said display component.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to associate a category number with a category description as taught by Godin. The motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the categories.

63.(AMENDED) As per claim 18 Godin teaches the method according to claim 17, further comprising subsequently displaying said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number and instead uses verbal definitions. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

64. As per claim 19 Godin teaches the method according to claim 17 for a category field for products in an auction(Fig 2)(Fig 4). Godin fails to teach wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

65.(AMENDED) As per claim 20 Godin teaches the method according to claim 18, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entry (col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

66.(AMENDED) As per claim 26 Godin teaches the computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said category selection component further receives said at least one subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in each display window(Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig 8/64). Godin fails to teach providing a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry to said display component.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time ofthe invention to associate a category number with a category description as taught by Godin. The motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the categories.

67. As per claim 27 Godin teaches the method according to claim 25 for a category field for products in an auction(Fig 2)(Fig 4). Godin fails to teach wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

68.(AMENDED) As per claim 28 Godin teaches using the system according to claim 26, wherein said category selection component further detecting input of said category number from said user and responsive to said detection of said input providing said associated category entry to be displayed for said user in said catetory field(Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig 8/64). Godin fails to teach providing a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry to said display component.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art

at the time of the invention to associate a category number with a category description as taught by Godin. The motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the categories.

69. (AMENDED)As per claim 34 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said category selection component further displays a category number asssociated with said one category entry in said display window (Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig 8/64). Godin fails to teach providing a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry to said display component.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time ofthe invention to associate a category number with a category description as taught by Godin. The motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the categories.

70. As per claim 35 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 33 for a category field for products in an auction(Fig 2)(Fig 4). Godin fails to teach wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

71.(AMENDED) As per claim 36 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 34, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entry(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

72.(AMENDED) As per claim 42 Godin teaches using the article of manufacture according to

claim 41, wherein said category selection component further receives said at least one

subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window(Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig

8/64). Godin fails to teach providing a category number associated with said one category entry

and said at least one subcategory entry to said display component.It would have been obvious to

one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to associate a category number with a category

description as taught by Godin. The motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the

categories.

73. As per claim 43 Godin teaches the article of manufacture according to claim 41 for a category

field for products in an auction(Fig 2)(Fig 4). Godin fails to teach wherein said category field

comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.It would have been obvious to one skilled

in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of

category entries. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

74.(AMENDED) As per claim 44 Godin teaches the method according to claim 42, further

comprising subsequently detecting input of said category number from said user and responsive to

said detection of said input providing said one category entry and said at least one subcategory

entry to be displayed for said user in said category field(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach

using a category number.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the

invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize

category numbers. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

75. (AMENDED)As per claim 50 Godin teaches using the system according to claim 49, wherein

said server further provides a category number associated with said one category entry to be

displayed in said display window(Fig 2/62/64/66)(Fig 4)(Fig 8/64). Godin fails to teach providing

a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry

to said display component.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time ofthe

invention to associate a category number with a category description as taught by Godin. The

motivation for this is to more efficiently classify the categories.

76. As per claim 51 Godin teaches the method according to claim 49 for a category field for

products in an auction(Fig 2)(Fig 4). Godin fails to teach wherein said category field comprises

twelve category entries in alphabetical order.It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art

at the time of the invention to divide the category field into an arbitrary number of category

entries. The purpose of this is to narrow a search for localization of the product.

77.(AMENDED) As per claim 52 Godin teaches the method according to claim 50, further

comprising subsequently accessing said server subsequently detects input of said category number

and responsive to said detection of said input provides said one category entry to be displayed in

said category field(col 5 lines 16-20). Godin fails to teach using a category number.It would have

been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to divide the category field into

an arbitrary number of category entries and to utilize category numbers. The purpose of this is to

narrow a search for localization of the product.

Response to Arguments

78.   Applicant's arguments filed 7/16/01 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Godin teaches that at least one subcategory field is displayed in a window(Fig 7/108/106)(Fig

8/64)(Fig 10/130/126/142)(Fig 4)(Fig 3/128)(Fig 2/86/64/62/66)(col 3 line 21-col 4 line 41).

Applicant's arguments hinge on this isolated element to discredit a case for rejection in the

independent claims (page 36 line 1, applicant's amendment A). Applicant's invention lacks

novelty.

Conclusion

79.   **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date

of this final action.

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